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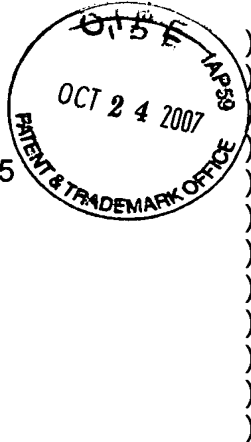
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Prior to continued examination and in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: